A Service of Thanksgiving

FOR THE MINISTRY OF

Edward Nason West

O.B.E., Th.D., Litt.D., Sub-Prelate St.J.

MAY 9, 1982

4:00 P.M.

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine
112th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
New York City

EDWARD NASON WEST

IT is a special pleasure for me to write these words in honour of Edward West, who throughout my episcopate of twenty-five years in the Diocese of New York, served as a sacrist, canon, and in the latter years, subdean of this Cathedral church. As his bishop and chief pastor for more than a quarter of a century, it was a joy to me that my predecessors had had the wisdom to seek him out, and that their trust in him was not mislaid, but that he exceeded what must have been their fondest hopes.

Canon West found a unique and enduring place for himself here, which time has proven was made for him. It gave him an unusual opportunity for the exercise and development of his natural abilities, and not only enriched the total life and work of the Cathedral Church, but one rejoices to believe, has brought him to the deepest joy in his ministry and priesthood. And when this happens for any priest, it brings nothing but joy to the heart of his bishop.

On another occasion some ten years ago I expressed to Canon West and to the vast congregation assembled here my personal appreciation and my recognition of his loyal, able, and devoted service to his bishop, to the Cathedral, to the diocese, and to the Church at large. At this time I would only wish to reiterate strongly what I have made plain to all in the past. It gives me great happiness to share in this present occasion and to extend to Canon West my best wishes and my blessing for the days and years to come.

Horace W.B. Donegan
Twelfth Bishop of New York

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE — Music for Brass Choir

THE INTROIT — Lauda Anima

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

H. F. LYTE, 1834; *based on Psalm 103*

The Celebrant. ALLELUIA. Christ is risen.
People. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Antiphons

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echad.
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord.

Minister: *The Rev'd Leslie John Alden Lang, S.T.D., Ch,St.J.*

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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Kyrie eleison — Hospodi Pomilui — S.V. Lvovsky

The Collect

LORD Jesus Christ, who hast warned us that thou wilt require much of those to whom much is given: Grant that we, whose lot is cast in so goodly a heritage, may strive together the more abundantly, to extend to those who know thee not that which we so richly enjoy; and, even as we have entered into the labours of others, in turn so to labour that others may enter into ours, to the fulfillment of thy holy will, and the unity of thy people; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Reader: John Miles Evans, Esq., O.St.J.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Address — The Most Rev'd John Maury Allin, D.D.

The Presiding Bishop

The Canticle

IN thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when thou comest into thy kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Reader: Madeline L'Engle Franklin, L.H.D., D.St.J.

UNTO every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Address — The Rt. Rev'd Paul Moore, Jr., S.T.D.

The Bishop of New York

Sequence Hymn — *Coelites Plaudant*

CHRIST, the fair glory of the holy angels,
Maker of all men, ruler of all nations,
Grant of thy mercy unto us thy servants
Steps up to heaven.

2 Send thine archangel Michael to our succor:
Peacemaker blessed, may he banish from us
Striving and hatred, so that for the peaceful
All things may prosper.

3 Send thine archangel Gabriel, the mighty;
Herald of heaven, may he, from us mortals,
Drive every evil, watching o'er the temples
Where thou art worshipped.

4 Send from the heavens Raphael thine archangel,
Health-bringer blessed, aiding every sufferer,
That, in thy service, he may wisely guide us,
Healing and blessing.

5 May the blest mother of our Lord and Saviour,
May the celestial company of angels,
May the assembly of the saints in heaven,
Help us to praise thee.

6 Father Almighty, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God ever blessed, hear our thankful praises;
Thine is the glory which from all creation
Ever ascendeth. Amen.

ST. RABANUS MAURUS, 776-856

The Gospel

Gospeller: The Rev'd John Gerald Barton Andrew, D.D.,Ch.St.J.

Priest. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

¶ *After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

People. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon — The Rev'd Canon Edward Nason West

The Nicene Creed — *Gretchaninoff*

I BELIEVE in one God
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of the God;
Begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of very God,
Begotten, not made;
Being of one substance with the Father;
By whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
And was made man:
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried:
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures:
And ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of the Father:
And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord, and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church:
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead:
And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace Prayer

LEAD me from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust,
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

The Prayers

Led by The Very Rev'd James Parks Morton, M.A. (Cantab), Ch.St.J.
Dean

WITH all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Paul our Bishop, Stuart and Walter his Suffragans, John our Primate, and all other our Bishops, clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for widows and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us,
O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the Communion of Saints, especially with Mary the most holy Birth-Giver, and our blessed patron St. John the Divine, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

¶ *The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:*

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine apostles, "Peace I give unto you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but our faith, and grant to thy Church the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, thou livest and reignest, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People. And also with you.

¶ *The Clergy and People now greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

¶ *After receiving The Peace, the Congregation is seated.*

THINE, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *I Chron.XXXIX.II*

At the Offertory, Anthem

Wyton

WILT thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,

Speaker: *For I have more.*

Wilt thou forgive, that sin by which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two; but wallowed in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,

Speaker: *For I have more.*

I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by thyself that at my death thy son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;

Speaker: *And having done that, thou hast done,*
I have no more.

John Donne
(1572-1631)

The Speaker is Don Wesley Lundquist

A setting for speaker, choir, brass, timpani and organ by Alec Wyton in honour of Canon West. The Poem, Hymn to God the Father, *is Canon West's favourite religious poem.*

¶ *The Congregation stands*

Hymn

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

LET all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth decendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light decendeth
from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord
most high!" Amen.

Liturgy of St. James; Para. GERARD MOULTRIE, 1864

The Great Thanksgiving

¶ *The Congregation remains standing.*

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.
People. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant. Lift up your hearts.
People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant. Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
People. It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant. It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying.

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Missa Angelica *Burgess*

¶ *The Celebrant continues*

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, This is my Body, which will be given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end."*Amen.*

And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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OUR Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ *Then shall the trumpets sound as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

¶ *Then shall be sung*

Shalom. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Shalom.

¶ *The following prayer is then said:*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy:
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

¶ *Before the Communion, the Celebrant shall say to the People:*

THE gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Responds

Receive ye the Body of Christ.
Taste ye the Fountain of Life. Alleluia.

Cantors. The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Choir. Holy Things for the holy.
One only is holy,
One only is the Lord,
Jesus Christ, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Missa Angelica *Burgess*

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

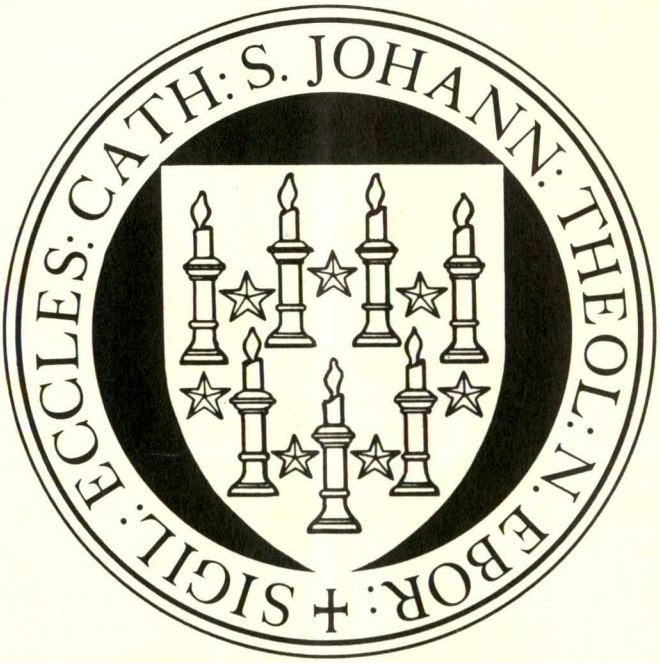
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

Communio

Coke-Jephcott

WHEN the aged walk with gladness
In a city bathed in light,
When the races know no sadness
In the waning of their might,
When the very earth is ringing
From the temple to the sod,
With the sound of children singing
Then its peace was born of God.

Edward West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